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Subject: Sawgrass Lake Site Restoration Project

Review of 3rd Quarter Water Quality Sampling Results 3200 Gandy Boulevard, St. Petersburg, Pinellas County FDEP Site ID: COM 301769

Dear Ms. Seachrist,

The subject report containing results for the December 2015 post-remediation groundwater and surface water sampling at the Sawgrass Lake Restoration site has been reviewed. The following comments are provided to assist SWFWMD with guiding this cleanup action towards regulatory closure.

- 1) Analysis of groundwater from the four site monitoring wells indicated that pH and TDS did not meet Contaminant Cleanup Target Levels (GCTLs) listed in Table 1 of Chapter 62-777, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). It was noted that neither arsenic nor lead was detected above its GCTL in samples from any of the four wells included in the December sampling event. The analytes pH and TDS are not considered to be site conditions or contaminants associated with known releases to the environment, or the result of secondary effects of known discharges at the site.
- 2) The reported TDS values are higher than what was detected in monitoring wells that existed prior to initiation of the remedial action. This increase for TDS in shallow groundwater may have something to do with well installation or the extensive disruption of site soil and vegetation as part of the remediation and construction activities that were completed. It was noted that there was a significant decrease in TDS represented in the December sampling results for all four wells when compared to the previous quarterly sampling results. There does

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not appear to be an obvious explanation for the considerable variation of TDS results in the monitoring wells.

- 3) The pH values reported for samples from all four site monitoring wells are slightly below the secondary drinking water standard of 6.5-8.5 pH units, but low pH values have been measured in upgradient/off-site wells indicating this to be a local background condition.
- 4) The surface water sampling results for lead and arsenic were reported to be < 5 ug/L at all four sampling locations. This indicates that concerns regarding water quality, or direct human exposure, for lead and arsenic within Sawgrass Lake are not warranted based on the sampling results.

Please contact me at <u>mark.stuckey@dep.state.fl.us</u>, or by phone (850) 245-8991, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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